

Healthcare Provider's Request for Zika Virus Testing at DPH Laboratory

The DPH Epidemiology and Emerging Infections Program (EEIP)

- Providers should check with their laboratories regarding special instructions for their network; unless otherwise instructed:
 - Provider completes Zika Virus Report Form and faxes to the EEIP at 860-509-7910
 - Reports must satisfy the CDC Zika virus testing criteria available at: (INCLUDE LINK TO NEW FACT SHEET)
 - EEIP staff will contact the provider regarding approval for patient testing, please include best contact phone number.
 - Specimens are submitted to the DPH Public Health Laboratory (PHL) with completed Clinical Test Requisition Form OL-9B (some laboratories fill this out while others require providers to do so)
- Providers with questions regarding completion of form OL-9B can call the EEIP at 860-509-7994
- Providers and laboratories with questions regarding specimen collection and shipping guidelines can call the DPH PHL at 860-920-6635 or 860-920-6506. For the most current information visit: (INCLUDE LINK TO NEW FACT SHEET)

The DPH State Public Health Laboratory

- Receives the completed Zika Virus Report form from the EEIP
- Currently has capacity to perform RT-PCR on blood and urine specimens, and IgM ELISA on serum
- Presumptive positive IgM results are confirmed by RT-PCR; if RT-PCR is negative, confirmation is attempted by PRNT
- Generates the CDC required forms
- Completes any missing information
- Sends specimens to the CDC for testing

Lab Reports Results to

- Submitting Laboratory
- Submitting Provider
- EEIP

CT Electronic Disease Surveillance System Data Management by EEIP

- Data are maintained in a web based system for those who are tested: demographics, travel history, clinical information, and test results

Local Health Departments

- Have access to jurisdiction specific information

